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EDITORIAL: "Some Observations on the NUFON Headquarters" Dr. Bob Morrell

At the NUFON conference in Crewe, last February, NUFOIS came in for some criticism concerning what were felt to be defects in the running of the Network's HQ, which is housed in the Nottingham premises used by NUFOIS. Whilst some of the charges had some substance, it was clear that those making them had no concept of how the HQ was organised or how delays can arise. In view of this it seems opportune to explain just what the HQ is and how it is run.

The term HQ conveys rather more than it should, for the administrative centre for day to day running of NUFON is really the home of secretary, Jenny Randles. The HQ is rather the place where completed investigation reports are collated and stored, and where NUFON members may go to consult them or obtain copies by post. Unlike, possibly, every other group in the UK NUFOIS can and does make its files available for research, and this facility has been extended to cover the NUFON, and more detailed, UFOIN Files. This stems from the fact that we have a premises devoted exclusively to UFO work, apart from accommodation for a building custodian (who is not a ufologist). Any NUFON member who wishes to consult the files simply has to give advance warning of when, so that it is ensured someone is there to open the building. He may also use the NUFOIS library and journal files, and there is excellent and extensive library facilities covering astronomical and natural phenomena (many expensive American publications).

The files themselves are stored in steel filing cabinets, with each report and its associated documentation being in individual envelopes, kept in date and year order. There is a separately housed card index, and another index giving summary particulars of each case is in the course of compilation.

Criticisms spoke of a failure to acknowledge mail. We learnt about a year ago that some mail was going astray and it turned out that this went to a boarded-up house at the other end of Meadow Lane (due for demolition). This problem is now solved, and it is significant that critics spoke of mail sent some time ago. NUFOIS meet twice a week and two people are delegated to service NUFON mail. It may happen that both are away on a certain day, hence a delay, for on the basis of too many cooks only those delegated deal with mail. If a letter requests copies of a report the sender is given an invoice to cover cost of reproduction. ON NO ACCOUNT WILL ORIGINAL FILES BE SENT BY POST. Some people actually expect copies to be made free of charge and even the postage met! If NUFON is to pay for copies it is the duty of those involved to arrange so via the treasurer (Peter Warrington). No copies will be sent before payment. Copying at present is done commercially (at 5p a page). The use of the RCM in the NUN now enables people to calculate costs (ie multiply the number by 5p and add post), but for older cases it is difficult. For example a UFOIN report with 50 pages would cost £2.50 plus post at present. Of course we are unhappy with this situation, which may easily take a few weeks to provide copy. It helps if you ring in initially so costings may be checked.

The urgent need is for a plain-paper copier, not a cheap photocopier (which is costly to run). Copy costs would then be reduced to around 25% of the present! A none-ufological organisation has offered £100 simply to have access to this copier. UFO groups, so far, have offered nothing but moans and groans. Even a request for material to help expand the library met with an almost negative response. Surely you have some things - books, magazines etc you could donate. Not even all groups send copies of their own magazines to us, despite the fact that we will offer UFO RESEARCH REVIEW in

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exchange. A plain paper copier will benefit us all. Let us try to get one soon.

(As a suggestion how about your group getting together and planning some events- eg jumble sales, sponsored walks etc. Not only can they be good social outlets for your members but to raise £20 Or £30 pounds each in this way would get us that copier quickly. Talk about it and let us know what you are going to do. We will then publish all your plans in NUN, and finally a list of who raised what. A prize will be offered to the group raising the most... so get fund raising. It is for you. JENNY RANDLE

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CORRELATIONS (Comparative data as supplied by Bernard Delair, CONTACT, ref NUN No 57)

June 70, Wythenshaw Gtr Mcr (similar 3 spheres seen that month in Rhodesia)
Mar 5 78, Bradfield, Cheshire (domed disc landing USA, skyblasts in Canada, cigars Crete)
Mar 31 78, Crewe, Cheshire (landings on two farms in N.Y. state USA)
Aug 7 78, Ovington, Northumbria (S. Africa report of EM on phone & lights. Horse wild)
Oct 2 78, Kingstanding, W. Mid (Triangle seen in Wilts)
Oct 23 78, Dudley, W. Mid (Sightings in Avon & Suffolk, cigars seen in USA)
Jan 18 79, Baguley, Gt Mcr (similar globes seen in Canada, skyblasts in the USA)
Aug 16 71, Church Streeton, Salop (Many afternoon sightings in similar areas of UK)

CONTACT WITH CONTACT: As can be seen from above, and many previous issues of NUN, official liaison between NUFON and CONTACT is excellent, extending to direct liaison over the Northern Historical UFO Catalogue. Recent comment by a couple of NUFON groups on local coordination problems with CONTACT officials has been refuted by the organisation. Obviously I cannot speak on individual, local cases, but I would stress the point that basic links between our organisations are excellent..... Jenny Randles

++ MUFORA are to stage a one day conference at SALFORD UNIVERSITY on JUNE 16 1979

The programme will run from 2pm to approx 7pm. There will be three speakers, inc Charles Bowen and Peter Warrington. Full details from MUFORA at 597 Mauldeth Rd West, Chorlton, Manchester M21 8SH or phone Peter Warrington.

++ It is sad to have to announce the death, from a heart attack, of author Ted Holliday ('Dragon & the disc') A new book, with Randall Jones-Pugh, 'The Dyfed Enigma' is published this autumn. It concerns the South Wales 1977 flap of CE3 cases.

++ MIDLANDS UFOBOG, as mentioned in the March issue, is a publication for East Midlands ufo cases. Cost is 13p per issue (£1.45 pa). Monthly, it is available from: Graham Hall: 28 Bearsden Crescent Hinckley Leicestershire

++ An excellent magazine aimed at the under 18s is MAGIC SAUCER. Recommend it to all interested children. Bi-monthly cost is 25p per issue from Crystal Hogben: 8 Ely Close Habberley Estate Kidderminster Worcestershire

++ Don't forget to write some articles for the JULY Northern UFOLOGY on the theme 'UFOs and the Government' - what are they doing or not doing... and why?

STRANGE PHENOMENA: Many of you may have been circulated by a magazine about to be launched onto the news-stands, known as 'STRANGE PHENOMENA'. Its intention is to provide an outlet for possible inter-relations between UFOs and other paranormal phenomena. Some researchers will, I know, welcome such a new medium. Others will, no doubt, disapprove of seeing articles about UFOs side by side with articles about ghosts or witchcraft. Obviously correlations between all such phenomena is implied by nobody, but the possibility of some overlap is feasible. Nevertheless I would stress that the wording of the publicity literature might have implied to you that NUFON and UFOIN has offered support to the concept. This is obviously not so. Anybody who contributes does so as an individual, based on their own interests. Groups and researchers are quite entitled to react and respond to this new magazine in whichever way they chose.

STRANGE PHENOMENA: 19 Oaks Crescent, Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton WV3 9SA 75p per issue

"SAY WHAT YOU FEEL"

Paul Whetnall

Paul takes over the news column once more from David Rees, but with a slightly new emphasis. As the title implies he invites you to 'say what you feel', and he assures me that he intends to do likewise!

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When one considers the various elements of the Ufology scene one finds that there are certain portions of the field which, under a pretence of aiding, are not so much interfering but certainly hindering progress. In a recent discussion with Nigel Watson we looked at several aspects of Ufology, including its well known figures like Charles Blowlamp, Allan Lowknee and Jenny Rambler. We also picked out certain things that were of this interfering nature.

One of the things we looked at most closely were the publications, such as 'Landed Teacup Review', 'Not to Irish UFO News' and 'Muffleblob'. It was our considered opinion that the last two were publications for the thinkers (even though it is contrary to popular belief that there are intelligent life-forms in Ireland). However, 'Landed Teacup Review' ended up getting rather poor consideration. We decided that this publication was seemingly reversing the good work of serious UFO investigation, and was researching alien entities from such far away planets as Venus.

We felt that it actually encouraged backward trends that it made stale crusts appear to many like sweet cake. It's all very well for them up there, but some of us down here are getting a little fed up of waiting for the breadvan to bring us some real fresh loaves to bite our teeth into. "Not so Irish UFO News" and "Muffleblob" are delivering these loaves, and at more competitive rates than the mouldy old dough of "Landed Teacup Review".

Some of you may agree with these comments, some may not. I will be willing to receive compliments, comments, threats and assassination attempts in response. Since I have just taken over this column from the excellent job David Rees has been doing I look forward to your comments and ideas. I must say that I was sorry to lose David, as well as FUFOR in Crewe, who had done an excellent job too.

A certain editor, well known to us all, has promised to print anything we say, provided it is not libellous. So get verbositising to me at:-

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Publications mentioned - maybe mentioned, and certainly not mentioned above are:-

FORTEAN TIMES C/O D.T.W.A.G.E. St Annes Court London WC1
FLYING SAUCER REVIEW FSR Publications Ltd West Malling Maidstone Kent
IRISH UFO NEWS 19 Cairnshill Ave Belfast Northern Ireland BT8 4NR
MUFOB 11 Beverley Rd New Malden Surrey KT3 4AW
UFO RESEARCH REVIEW 443 Meadow Lane Nottingham NG2 3GB

LOW DEFINITION CASES

INVESTIGATIONS

| <u>REF</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>LEVEL</u> | <u>RCM</u> | <u>INVESTIGATOR</u> |
|---|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 78-221 | November 21 | 19.00 | Spalding, Lincs | E | 4T | SUFORS |
| Multi sightings of red LITS. Humming noise. 15 mins duration. | | | | | | <u>Prob. Helicopter</u> |
| 7927 | February 8 | 21.00 | Tarporley, Cheshire | B | 2H-S | M. Roberts |
| Couple saw group of W. Lits hover for seconds then drop down. | | | | | | <u>Insufficient</u> |
| 7928 | February 22 | 19.00 | Standeford, Staffs | B | T8-M, S | BUFORA |
| Man saw R, G, Y lits hover then move off. Engine sound. | | | | | | <u>Prob. Helicopter</u> |
| 7930 | March 7 | 20.00 | Burringham, S. Humberside | D | T3 | SUFORS |
| White flash and skyblast heard by several. F1-11 in area. | | | | | | <u>Prob. Aircraft</u> |
| CASES 4 | Aircraft 3 | Insufficient 1 | UNKNOWN 0 | | | |

CODINGS: Case Reference is the code at the NUFON HQ; Investigation Level A-E (A-on site investigation, B-interviews, C-standard forms, D-written report from witness only, E-second hand data only), RCM figure # A4 page totals (T or H type or hand written), M-Maps, P-Photos, S-sketches.

MEDIUM DEFINITION CASES

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|---|-------------|-------|-------------------------|---|---------|---|
| 77-318 | November 4 | 20.11 | Tranent, Scotland | A | T1 | SMIO.D.Sydeserff <u>Insufficient</u> |
| Two teenagers saw silver oval low over car 4 seconds. | | | | | | |
| 78-218 | November 8 | 17.10 | Halifax, W. Yorkshire | C | 8T-M, S | BUFORA Yorks <u>Poss Aircraft</u> |
| Multi-sightings of windowed oval plus bright LITS. No a/c found. | | | | | | |
| 78-219 | November 13 | 07.30 | Edinburgh, Scotland | C | 1T | SMIO D.Sydeserff. <u>Prob. Vapour Trails</u> |
| 3 W ovals like vapour trails hovered in sun several minutes. | | | | | | |
| 78-220 | November 17 | 15.00 | Livingston, Scotland | C | 1T | SMIO D.Sydeserff <u>Poss Balloon</u> |
| W, Saucer hovered, fell & rose as if tethered. Young girls at school | | | | | | |
| 78-222 | December 12 | 20.15 | Crossthwaite, Cumbria | B | 2H-S | NLUFOIG <u>Insufficient</u> |
| Triangle plus B, R & Or LITS, white tail. Roar as it moved off. | | | | | | |
| 7922 | January 5 | 18.15 | Sunderland, Tyne & Wear | C | | CHRYISIS <u>Insufficient</u> |
| W triangle flying several courses. 4 mins. Humming sound. | | | | | | |
| 7923 | January 8 | 15.45 | Catterick, N. Yorks | C | | CHRYISIS <u>Poss Optical Effect</u> |
| Woman saw shape changing, hovering bright object. Obscured by cloud | | | | | | |
| 7924 | January 22 | 16.50 | Morecambe, Lancs | B | 2T-S | NLUFOIG <u>Poss Optical Effect</u> |
| Bright gold ball in W, split in two and descended to horizon secs | | | | | | |
| 7925 | January 31 | 16.50 | Dormanstown, Cleveland | A | | CHRYISIS <u>Insufficient</u> |
| S. Cigar, red glow at rear. Moved, hovered over pylon 7 mins. | | | | | | |
| 7929 | February 24 | 02.00 | Bacup, Lancashire | A | 5T-M, S | DIGAP/MUFORA <u>Poss Helicopter</u> |
| Orange disc allegedly descended into field & quarry. When witnesses searched area | | | | | | |
| 2 PCs arrived who had seen Or ball pass towards quarry. | | | | | | |

CASES 13 Insufficient 4 Aircraft 2 Optical Effects 2
 Balloon 1 Vapour Trails 1 UNKNOWN 3 = 23%

July 3 1977 Hamstead, West Midlands A Investigation: UFOIS (Ted Horton)

A 15 yr old boy sunbathing on hot, sunny afternoon (14.15) saw an object moving slowly NE and rotating. It was half moon and solid shaped, with a silver rectangle from which sun flashed on rotation and a greyer rounded top. Motion was slow and erratic. It changed course abruptly at least 4 times and then returned and retraced its initial path before moving off NE. Duration was 6 minutes. His mother saw it, but only as a bright round ball. Her eyesight is poorer. Neighbours recall watching the two look at the sky but did not see the object. No aircraft or balloons known 77-317
 17T-M, S

October 5 1978 Longton, Staffs A Investigation: BUFORA (Steve Banks)

At 7.55 young doctors wife driving down bank saw bright object over pub. Hovered 30 seconds and then moved off over road. She stopped car, in middle of road, and got out pointing out the object to a woman at a bus stop. As she pointed the bright leading W light extinguished making the shape very ill defined. This was a coffin shape with an aura around it. As it moved off W a red and green steady light was seen on the rear. There was no sound at any time during the sighting..... 78-217 16T-M, P, S

February 2 1979 Tranent, E. Lothian, Scotland A Investigation: David Sydeserff UFOIN

A 13 year old boy on his paper round at 07.10 saw a stationary W. oval, tilted towards him and revealing two 'bumps' on top. On the underside were six ovals lined in black. It hovered at around 20 feet. After 2 minutes a white beam emerged from the central base, and it stopped mid-air 3/4 feet from the ground. UFO hovered 10 mins and vanished 'just like a blink'. It was estimated as 75' diameter... 7926 T4-M, S

UFO FACTS & FIGURES

I thought you might be interested to know some figures for UFO sightings on the NUFON files. 1975 and 1976 both total around 160, whereas 1977 is twice that (320) 1978 (aided by CLOSE ENCOUNTERS publicity) totals 222. So far 1979 is about level with 1976, but well down on 1977 and 1978. It is not going to be anything but an average year it seems. This is emphasised by the Unknowns percentage. For 1979 it is so far only about 12%, as opposed to an amazing 23% in 1978.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER ACTIVITY

CASES 3 Temperature effect 1 Unknown 2 = 67%

A FROSTY FLYING SAUCER? Mar 30 1977 Acocks Green, W. Mid Level A 12H-MS

The sighting occurred at 03.30, when the witness (a middle aged lady who claims to be psychic and have seen ghosts) was awoken by cats crying. Going to the window, she saw a misty white 'plume' rising over her neighbours untended garden (close to an empty pond). At the bottom of her own garden was a white dome of the same substance. Her mother watched also, for a total of half an hour (they did not see them go) and her husband observed, but was not especially impressed (although he corroborates the account). Shortly afterwards, the witness's daughter, who did not see the objects, came down with a rash that the doctors have been at a loss to explain. She explained that the house was rebuilt after the war when it received a direct hit scattering the occupier all over the garden! However, on checking weather records the investigator considered it feasible that below zero temperatures and lack of wind, plus the geography of the garden, had combined to produce a temperature/frost effect. However, the witness claimed a second sighting on April 12 of the same thing, when the temperature was 40C and the wind was 12 knots. CE1 Physio(?), An (?) Poss Temperature Effect UFOSIS: Eric Westley

MOTHER-SHIP SIGHTING OVER WOLVERHAMPTON October 1 1978 Level A 29T-M, S

The witnesses to this report are Mr and Mrs F, in their early thirties. They have been involved with several sightings of what seems to be the same phenomenon from their home on a quiet estate in the Wednesfield part of the town. On Oct 1 they were alerted by normally quiet dogs barking furiously. Mrs F saw a bright light in the E and called her husband out. They both then watched a lens shaped object travel slowly NE. It was seemingly made of a 'glass' like surface - not metal - and had four portholes on the edge. As it moved colour flooded out from these holes changing the hue of the whole object in a fast sequence red-green-white etc. It was also spinning clockwise as it moved. They watched from 19.20 to 19.50 when it stopped, and rose vertically some way. It was still changing colour. Then a smaller, but similar shaped object was ejected out of the right hand edge. This had a steady red light on top. It proceeded to rotate around the main stationary object (passing behind it). Then it suddenly accelerated away from its return to the original position and streaked away ESE in seconds. The main object remained and was watched, on and off, until 21.00. Five minutes later, on checking, it had vanished. There was no sound at any point and the dogs only barked when it was directly overhead. On Oct 6 the dogs started to bark again. On looking the object was seen to pass over heading for the same area of sky (in the E where there is an electricity sub station and line S). The neighbours were brought out and watched for ten minutes as it hovered, spun and changed colour in the same sequence. They then left. Shortly after a beam of white, parallel light came over at rooftop height, shining a 20' wide beam on adjacent gardens. As it came closer they fled inside, but saw from an upper window a red light move into the distance. On Feb 6 1979 Mr F, alone in a lorry parked nearby, observed a round object come over head, changing colour continually from red to green. It hovered over his cab for 5 minutes before moving off. As it hovered he felt a strong pressure on his head only. Time 17.45. Mr F has noted several precognitive dreams and since the October sightings has once had a dream of tall men with high foreheads coming into his bedroom. CE1 Physio, Psycho, An UNKNOWN UFOSIS: Ted Horton

A young couple, David & Lesley Tobell, were returning along the coast towards their Morecambe home. Asleep in the back of their Hillman Imp were their two young children. It was 18.50 and raining heavily. As they descended Hest Bank Hill Mr Tobell saw red and white flashing lights in Morecambe Bay. Thinking it was a fishing boat he ignored them, but moments later a red beam flooded down onto his car from above. He slowed and looked out and up to see a huge round base with four red domes stuck to it pacing his car from above (about 50' up). It was about 100 feet in diameter, swallowing his car with ease. His wife was terrified as it moved away to the side (SE) and descended until very low over a golf course. It appeared ready to land. In side view it was disc shaped, silver with a rim of white lights that were rotating, flashing and merging into one. Suddenly there was a flash from the side and it shot away at such a speed that it hardly registered. Neither witness know which direction it went. Next day Mr Tobell had a recurrence of a lung and chest pain he had not had previously for 3 years..... CE1 Psycho, Physio NLUFOIG: Gordon Baraclough & Rosemary Bunford

THE MAN IN THE GARDEN

Early 1977

Huyton, Merseyside

Level: A T7-P,S

Mrs Street lives in a housing estate in the town. She is in her early thirties and has a son aged 12. It was 4.30pm on a winters night and she asked her son to empty a waste bin into a large bin in the garden. As he lifted the lid he saw a large head peering at him from bushes at the end of the long garden. He dropped the lid and fled indoors. Mrs Street believed he had been fooled by a light and went out herself, but she saw a pair of legs at the end of the garden. Looking up she saw they were attached to a figure that was nine feet tall (estimate is considered accurate due to comparison with objects at the end of the garden). He was wearing a white suit and a helmet with a visor in it.

Mrs Street still was not unduly alarmed, thinking it was someone playing a 'prank'. She shouted at it to get out, but it just looked down at her. She did not panic and fled back inside, locking the door. Through the kitchen window she saw it 'floating' just above the ground towards the house. She took her son into the lounge. It was by now 5.20pm and a friend arrived at the house, after checking who it was through the window Mrs Street let her in. The visitor looked through the kitchen window and saw the figure and decided to confront it with a broom. She ran out brandishing it and shouting, but the figure just stared at her. In fear she too then fled indoors.

Shortly after a male friend arrived to see Mr Street (who was away). When told he decided to confront the 'joker' with a knife. Seconds later he came back in saying 'it isn't human'. Then - yet another man arrived! He looked, but at first saw nothing. Then he saw the square head of the figure looking in through the kitchen window. He immediately took off to get the police. Meanwhile Mrs Street and the first man to arrive went upstairs and opened the window. They saw the figure looking at the ground. The man shouted and it looked up and pointed something at them (in the dark they could not see what). The next thing either can remember is walking down stairs feeling very calm. Two police officers then arrived and, with the others looking on from the kitchen window, went out to confront the figure. As they approached it it simply vanished. The police said that they could not possibly report such an incident and everyone should forget it.

Since the episode Mrs Street has seen many low and medium definition UFOs (far too numerous to log and possibly spurious). She also claims many psychic experiences, such as premonitions and bedroom visitors. She was also visited by a man who said he was 'working with the aliens'. He told her to keep quiet. After he had gone she noticed all the clocks in the house had stopped!

CE 4

UNKNOWN

Investigation by Brian Fishwick

UNKNOWN 6 + 29% Thanks to: BUFORA, BUFORA Yorks, CHRYSIS, DIGAP, MUFORA, NLUFOIG, SMIO, SUFORS, UFORA, UFO SIS